

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

NKOSI S. BROWN,

Plaintiff,

-against-

DWAYNE A. NASH, ET AL.,

Defendants.

28-CV-2824 (LTS)

ORDER DIRECTING ORIGINAL  
SIGNATURE AND ADDRESS

LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN, Chief United States District Judge:

Plaintiff brings this action *pro se*. To proceed with a civil action in this Court, a plaintiff must either pay \$405.00 in fees – a \$350.00 filing fee plus a \$55.00 administrative fee – or, to request authorization to proceed without prepayment of fees, submit a signed IFP application. *See* 28 U.S.C. §§ 1914, 1915. In addition, Rule 11(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure provides that “[e]very pleading, written motion, and other paper must be signed by at least one attorney of record in the attorney’s name – or by a party personally if the party is unrepresented.” *See also* Local Civil Rule 11.1(a). The Supreme Court has interpreted Rule 11(a) to require “as it did in John Hancock’s day, a name handwritten (or a mark handplaced).” *Becker v. Montgomery*, 532 U.S. 757, 764 (2001).

Plaintiff submitted an unsigned complaint and an incomplete and unsigned IFP application. Within thirty days of the date of this order, Plaintiff must either pay the \$405.00 in fees or submit the attached IFP application and complaint signature page. If Plaintiff submits the IFP application and complaint signature page, they should be labeled with docket number 24-CV-2824. If the Court grants the IFP application, Plaintiff will be permitted to proceed without prepayment of fees. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1).



No summons shall issue at this time. If Plaintiff complies with this order, the case shall be processed in accordance with the procedures of the Clerk's Office. If Plaintiff fails to comply with this order within the time allowed, the action will be dismissed.<sup>1</sup>

The Court certifies under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3) that any appeal from this order would not be taken in good faith, and therefore *in forma pauperis* status is denied for the purpose of an appeal. *Cf. Coppedge v. United States*, 369 U.S. 438, 444–45 (1962) (holding that appellant demonstrates good faith when seeking review of a nonfrivolous issue).

SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 18, 2024  
New York, New York

/s/ Laura Taylor Swain  
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LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN  
Chief United States District Judge

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<sup>1</sup> Because Plaintiff failed to provide an address, the clerk's office will not be able to mail this order to him. If Plaintiff receives this order, he is alerted that he must provide an address to the Court. *See* the March 18, 2024 Standing Order.